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Application of: LOOPER) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: February 16, 2001) Examiner:
Serial No.: 09/785,374) Docket No.: VM 6010.2
Title: SURGICAL DEVICE WITH)
MALLEABLE SHAFT)

SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

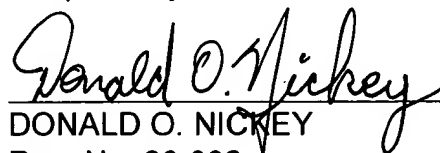
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Attn: Box Drawings

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find twenty-one (21) sheets of formal drawings in substitution for the informal drawings submitted with the application as filed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 010485 any necessary fees associated with submitting these drawings. Triplicate copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes.

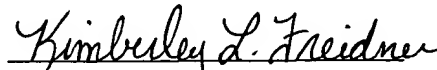
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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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